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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (Currently amended): An artificial joint, comprising:

a condyle having a second first functional surface; and

a joint socket having including a socket part, and an inlay having a first second functional surface, and cogging formed between the socket part and the inlay, the first and second functional surfaces being functionally interlinked, wherein at least one of the first and second-functional surface is non-spherical in shape, and each of the first and second functional surfaces have has orbital radii that differ from each other in a main functional plane relative to a secondary functional plane rotated by 90° with respect to the main functional plane, and wherein at least one of the first functional surface[[s]] is affixable in different positions relative to the respective joint socket or condyle so as to individually adapt the artificial joint to the patient, the different positions corresponding to different locking stages formed by the cogging, wherein the artificial joint is a human hip replacement joint.

Claim 11 (Currently amended): The joint as recited in claim 10, wherein one of the first and second functional surface[[s]] displays an asymmetry in the main functional plane as compared to the secondary functional plane while the other of the first and second functional surface[[s]] exhibits symmetrical functional planes.

Claim 12 (Currently amended): The joint as recited in claim 10, wherein both the first and second functional surfaces are is non-spherical.

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Claim 13 (Previously presented): The joint as recited in claim 10, wherein the first functional

surface is one of drum-shaped, spindle-shaped, and oval.

Claim 14 (Canceled)

Claim 15 (Currently amended): The joint as recited in claim 10, wherein one of the first and

second functional surface[[s]] is securable in the different positions relative to the respective joint

socket or condyle by a positive connection.

Claim 16 (Currently amended): The joint as recited in claim 10, wherein one of the first and

second-functional surface[[s]] is securable in the different positions relative to the respective joint

socket or condyle by a shrinkage connection.

Claim 17 (Previously presented): The joint as recited in claim 10, wherein a diameter one of the

first and second functional surfaces in a frontal plane of the patient is between 0.5 mm and 8 mm

greater than a diameter of the respective functional surface in a sagittal plane.

Claim 18 (Previously presented): The joint as recited in claim 17, wherein the diameter one of the

first and second functional surfaces in the frontal plane of the patient is 2 mm greater than the

diameter of the respective functional surface in the sagittal plane.

Claim 19 (Previously presented): The joint as recited in claim 10, wherein the first and second

functional surfaces are made of polyethylene.

Claim 20 (Canceled)

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